

MINUTES

UTAH EDUCATION COMMITTEE - BOARD OF NURSING

October 3, 2007

**Room 474 – 4th Floor –4:30 P.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:23 p.m.

**Bureau Manager:
Secretary:**

Laura Poe
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Diane Forster-Burke

Board Members Present:

Peggy Brown
Diane Forster-Burke
Pam Rice (by telephone)
Mary Williams
Helen Zsohar

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Curricular update from Stevens
Henager College:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Education Committee reviewed the information provided by Stevens-Henager's College regarding their proposed nursing education program. Representatives of Stevens Henager have requested they be allowed to start the first year of the nursing program on Monday October 15, 2007, and to continue to provide the second year of the program (first year means the CNA to LPN and second year refers to the LPN to RN).

Committee members expressed concern with the depth of the content being taught within each 4 week unit, such as including ACLS and PALS certification within the emergency nursing coursework. Committee members also expressed concern with the large volume of information that needs to be provided within a short period of time (4 weeks). One committee member expressed concern that the same pharmacy prerequisites are being taught to both the PN and RN students.

However, the program has provided the curricular information as requested. Committee members indicated the curriculum including program/education outcomes, threads, and course objectives appear to meet the minimum requirements established in the Nurse Practice Act Rules.

There is confusion regarding faculty members listed and whether or not these individuals have actually been hired by Stevens Henager. It appears the program will only have two faculty members on October 15, 2007 (Rebecca Reese and Donna Eliason). This is an inadequate number of faculty to provide instruction to 30 students (10 students in the second year and 20 in the first year). Committee members indicated if the program lists an individual as a faculty member, there must be a signed contract submitted to the Board for review. The individual will not be considered a faculty member unless the Division and the Board has received a copy of the signed contract. Committee members would like to see the program document course by course which faculty members are involved with each course. Committee members want to make sure appropriate and adequate faculty have been employed by the program. The last report included a list of faculty and their vitas and during the September 28, 2007 meeting with the Committee, committee members were told that the list of faculty included names of people who had not actually signed a contract and were not contractually obligated to provide their services. While reviewing the vitas, Chad Reeves only has an associate degree in nursing and is deficient the necessary academic credentials to teach in a nursing education program. The Utah Nurse Practice Act Rules requires any faculty member of an associate degree program to have a master's degree in nursing. The NLNAC standards provide for an exception, however the NPA Rules do not. Mr. Reeves cannot be a faculty member of the nursing program nor should he have any teaching interaction with nursing students. Faculty and teaching includes didactic (classroom), clinical, and skills laboratory settings.

Dr. Zsohar made moved, before the program can start/continue, the program must document an

adequate number of contracted faculty with appropriate academic and experience credentials. For the next three units (for both the first and second year of study) the program must provide a grid that lists the course by number and title and indicate who the involved faculty will be. The program will need to differentiate the faculty member who will be in the skills lab, clinical, and in the classroom. They will need to provide the day of the week the students will be in each area and indicate daytime or evening hours. For all faculty listed on the grid and involved in educating the nursing students for the next three units, the Board needs a copy of the signed contract for the faculty member. This information must be submitted by October 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Brown seconded the Motion. All Committee members in favor. If the information is not received by 9:00 a.m. on October 9, 2007, the Division will not approve the program to begin October 15, 2007. The PN to RN program will also be halted. If the contracts come in and appropriate faculty members have been hired for both didactic and clinicals, the program will be allowed to start October 15, 2007.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

October 26, 2007
Date Approved

(ss) Diane Forster-Burke
Diane Forster-Burke, Chair, Education Committee, Board of Nursing

October 26, 2007
Date Approved

(ss) Laura Poe
Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing